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WEEKLY SUMMARY: AAA PRESS RELEASES

The following press releases relating to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Sugar Division and the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements were issued during the week ending July 1. A copy of any of the releases may be obtained by ordering it by the number which follows the title.

June 28--NEW BUTTER STABILIZATION LOANS FOR 1939-40 APPROVED--(2240-39)--The Commodity Credit Corporation announces approval for the Dairy Products Marketing Association, a producers' cooperative organization, of new loans amounting to \$6,000,000 for buying up to 25 million pounds of butter during the 1939-40 season and extension of the balance of the old loans from the 1938-39 season. The loans, recommended by Secretary Wallace and approved by the President, will make possible continuation of the butter stabilization program operated with Federal funds to help maintain butter prices.

June 30--PRODUCERS TO VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO MILK PROGRAM FOR LA PORTE--(2251-39)--Producers of milk in the La Porte (Indiana) marketing area will vote soon in a referendum on an amended marketing order embodying the terms of an agreement which will be submitted to handlers for their signatures. The referendum will be conducted by mail. The order as amended can be put into effect if at least two-thirds of the producers voting in the referendum (by number or volume) favor such action. If amended the marketing agreement would: (1) Provide four classes of milk; (2) require handlers to pay minimum prices for various classes of milk; (3) compute milk in each class on the basis of a 3.8 percent butterfat content equivalent of milk; and (4) establish producer ratings on deliveries during designated months.

July 1--STATEMENT BY SECRETARY WALLACE--(1-40)--Secretary Wallace issues a statement concerning the transfer of the Rural Electrification Administration to the Department of Agriculture July 1 in which the Secretary refers to the move as a step of utmost significance for the Department and for the Federal rural electrification program. The Secretary said the change holds promise of widening the usefulness of electric service for farmers and is in keeping with the widely accepted idea that farmers are entitled to rural electrification.

"As an administration within the Department of Agriculture," the Secretary said, "REA will continue to make loans for self-liquidating rural electrification projects designed to bring urban advantages to farm homes, to lighten the burden of farm drudgery, and to provide the farmer with new opportunities for efficient and economical production."

July 1--FSCC BOUGHT 122 MILLION POUNDS SURPLUS BUTTER DURING PAST YEAR--(6-40)--The Department of Agriculture announces the purchase of 122 million pounds of surplus butter during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939 by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation. The purchases were made at a total cost of \$34,500,000, including handling charges. The purchases consisted of 26 million pounds bought in butter markets and about 96 million pounds bought from the Dairy Products Marketing Association out of a total of 114 million pounds bought and stored under government loans by the DPMA during the 1938-39 season under the butter stabilization program.





July 1--HEARING ON HOP MARKETING PROGRAM AMENDMENTS CALLED--(5-40)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that a public hearing has been called on proposed amendments to the marketing agreement and order regulating the handling of hops produced in Oregon, California, and Washington. Sessions of the hearing will open at 9:30 a.m. at Yakima, Washington, July 11; at Salem, Oregon July 14; and at Santa Rosa, California, July 17. Information needed to establish the "salable quantity" of 1939 hops, as required under the marketing agreement and order, will be obtained at meetings to be held concurrently for each session of the hearing.

July 3--CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR 1940 WHEAT--(7-40)--The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation announces that a crop insurance program applicable to wheat seeded for harvest in 1940 will be introduced to farmers in all wheat States within the next few weeks, following approval by Secretary Wallace of the regulations which will make it easier for growers to insure their crops and will affect many economies in operations.

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WEEKLY SUMMARY: AAA PRESS RELEASES

The following press releases relating to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Sugar Division and the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements have been issued by the Press Service since the last report on July 5, 1939.

July 6--WALLACE ANNOUNCES PROPOSED 12-MONTH CORN LOAN EXTENSION--(14-40) Plans for a 12-month extension on current corn loans on the 1937 and 1938 corn crops, advancing the due date from August 1, 1939 to August 1, 1940 are announced by Secretary Wallace. The Commodity Credit Corporation will administer the extension which will affect 271,315 loans for which 257,127,595 bushels of farm-stored 1937 and 1938 corn have been pledged as collateral. Loans will be renewed at the present rate of 57 cents per bushel and will continue to draw 4 percent interest.

July 6--FSCC ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN SURPLUS FOOD LIST--(19-40)--Seven more commodities have been officially designated by Secretary Wallace as surplus foods which may be obtained with blue surplus food order stamps, the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation announces. The addition of these new foods becomes effective July 16. The new foods listed are rice, cabbage, fresh peaches, fresh tomatoes, fresh green peas, and onions (except green onions). Fresh pears will be added to the list August 1 while oranges and grapefruit which are now included will be removed from the list July 16. Other commodities on the present list are shell eggs, corn meal, dried prunes, dry edible beans, wheat and whole wheat flour.

July 6--SUGAR STATISTICS FOR FIRST 5 MONTHS OF 1939 ANNOUNCED--(20-40)--The Sugar Division issues a report covering the first 5 months of 1939 which consolidates reports obtained from cane sugar refiners, beet sugar processors, importers, and others and which shows total deliveries for this period amounting to 2,380,019 short tons, raw value, compared with 2,250,216 tons during the same period last year.

July 7--ENTRIES OF SUGAR AGAINST OFFSHORE QUOTAS FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1939 ANNOUNCED--(26-40)--The Sugar Division issues its sixth monthly report on the status of 1939 sugar quotas for the various sugar-producing areas supplying the United States market, the sum of which represents the estimated quantity of sugar required to meet consumers' needs during the current year. During the first 6 months of 1939 a total of 2,253,079 short tons, raw value, was charged against the quotas for all offshore areas, including the full duty countries, compared with 2,662,488 tons for the same period a year ago.

July 8--BIRMINGHAM SELECTED AS FOURTH CITY FOR FOOD ORDER STAMP PLAN--(37-40)--Secretary Wallace announces selection of Birmingham, Alabama as the fourth city in which the food order stamp plan will be started for distributing agricultural surpluses through normal channels of trade. Distribution of stamps is expected to begin in Birmingham about August 1. The plan





is now in operation in Rochester, New York; Dayton, Ohio; and Seattle, Washington. Decision to operate the plan in Birmingham followed conferences there this week between Philip F. Maguire, Vice-President of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and representatives of State and local welfare agencies, public officials, and members of the wholesale and retail grocery trades. Approximately 15,000 public aid cases in Birmingham are eligible to participate in the stamp plan.

July 8--WALLACE CALLS CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS EXPORT PROGRAM--(32-40)-- Secretary Wallace invites representatives of the cotton trade and textile industry to an executive conference in Washington, July 13, to discuss a plan for increasing exports of American cotton.

July 8--1940 AAA FARM PROGRAM PLANS TO BE MADE AT NATIONAL MEETING--(31-40)--State AAA Committeemen, State extension directors and other agricultural workers will discuss plans and suggestions for strengthening and otherwise improving the AAA Farm Program in 1940 at a national AAA conference here July 10, 11 and 12, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces. Secretary Wallace will speak at the final session and R. M. Evans, administrator of the AAA, will open the conference with an address.

July 10--FSCC PURCHASES FOR YEAR TOTAL 1,700,000,000 POUNDS--(25-40)-- The Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation issues a preliminary report showing that during the fiscal year ending July 30, 1939 the Corporation bought nearly 1,700,000,000 pounds of surplus agricultural commodities at a cost of approximately \$66,000,000, including freight and handling charges. With the exception of 15,500,000 pounds of cotton and cotton ticking, these commodities were food-stuffs which have been donated to welfare agencies in 48 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands for distribution to families on relief rolls.





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July 17, 1939.

WEEKLY SUMMARY: AAA PRESS RELEASES

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The following press releases relating to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Sugar Division and the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements have been issued by the Press Service since the last report on July 10, 1939.

July 10--REALLOTMENT OF PHILIPPINE 1939 SUGAR QUOTA DEFICIT ANNOUNCED--(39-40).---The Sugar Division announces a reallocation of the 1939 Philippine sugar quota deficit of 59,111 short tons, raw value, to foreign countries other than Cuba. The deficit, reallocation of which is required under the Sugar Act, was prorated on the basis of quotas in effect for such countries.

July 11--FLOUR AND WHEAT EXPORT AUTHORITY IS CONTINUED--(55-40).---Continuation of the wheat flour export program, inaugurated September 3, 1938 to encourage United States sale of flour to foreign countries, the Philippine Islands, or the Virgin Islands, is announced by the Department of Agriculture. Renewal of program operations, under authorization for the 1939-40 fiscal year, becomes effective at 2:00 p.m., July 11.

July 12--SECRETARY WALLACE'S STATEMENT--(60-40).---The Secretary delivers a statement before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee in which he discusses a lending proposal under consideration by this Committee. The Secretary points out that the proposal does not involve any increase in the authority of functions of the Department of Agriculture but simply provides for an expansion of well established, self-liquidating programs which already are being carried on by the Farm Security Administration and the Rural Electrification Administration.

July 12--STATEMENT BY SECRETARY ON REA--(61-40).---Secretary Wallace delivers a statement to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee on the proposed expansion of the rural electrification program in which he supports President Roosevelt's inclusion in a program for self-liquidating public works of a provision for \$460,000,000 for carrying forward and expanding the Federal Government's rural electrification program.

July 13--SECRETARY'S STATEMENT AT COTTON CONFERENCE--(71-40).---Secretary Wallace delivers a statement at the opening of a conference in Washington to discuss an export program for cotton in which he points out "the necessity for doing something to hold on to our export markets for cotton" and discusses the efforts made since 1933 to cope with the cotton problem.

July 13--FSCC AUTHORIZED TO BUY VEGETABLES--(72-40).---The Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation is authorized to buy commercial fresh vegetables during certain periods of surplus production in producing areas near consuming centers.





July 14--QUAD CITIES MILK HEARING SET FOR AUGUST 2 AT ROCK ISLAND, ILL.--  
(80-40).--A public hearing to consider a proposed marketing agreement and order program to replace a Federal license regulating the handling of milk in the Quad Cities (Iowa-Illinois) marketing area is announced for August 2, at Rock Island, Illinois. The hearing will open at 10 a.m. in Room 360, Post Office Building. The Quad Cities marketing area includes Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa; Rock Island, Moline, East Moline, and Silvis, Illinois; and the townships of Davenport, Rockingham, and Pleasant Valley in Scott County, Iowa; and South Moline, Moline, Blackhawk, Coal Valley, Hampton, and South Rock Island in Rock Island County, Illinois.

July 14--"THE RESEALING PROGRAM: A CHALLENGE TO THE CORN BELT"--(75-40).--Title of an address by Claude R. Wickard, Director of the North Central Division of the AAA before the Farmers' Grain Dealers Association of Iowa at Fort Dodge, Iowa, July 14, in which Mr. Wickard discusses the AAA corn program, with particular reference to the part played by the extension of loans on 1937 and 1938 corn now under Government seal.

July 14--1940 AAA FARM PROGRAM IS OUTLINED--(74-40).--The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces in a general outline the 1940 AAA Farm Program which increases emphasis on soil conservation, increases opportunities for participation by small farmers, and places greater responsibility of administration in the hands of the farmer committees. No major changes in principles or provisions were made from the 1939 program. The 1940 program was outlined in a three-day conference of about 100 AAA State farmer-committeemen and others co-operating in the administration of the program in the field. Recommendations adopted by the conference will form the basis for the drafting of specific provisions for the 1940 program which will be issued later. The national meeting brought together the recommendations of regional conferences held previously and which had developed recommendations from State, county and community groups of farmers. Important recommendations for the 1940 conservation program include one which would establish a minimum soil-building allowance by providing that the maximum payment which may be earned on any farm will not be less than \$20, one allowing farmers to earn up to \$30 per farm for tree planting, and provisions for the Great Plains area aimed at restoring to grass the land which is unsuited to crops.

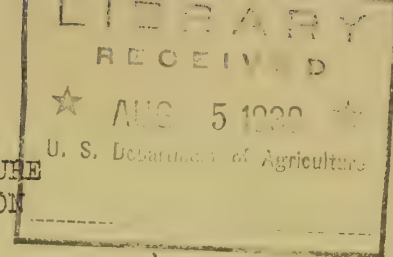
July 17--970,000 COTTON BALE COVERINGS SOLD UNDER 1938-39 PROGRAM--(89-40)  
--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that a total of approximately 970,000 cotton bagging patterns for use as cotton bale coverings were sold under an AAA cotton diversion program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939. This total represented enough bale covers for more than 8 percent of the 1938 crop in the United States. The program is one of several to encourage increased consumption and to develop new markets for cotton.





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WEEKLY SUMMARY: AAA PRESS RELEASES

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The following press releases relating to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Sugar Division and the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements have been issued by the Press Service since the last report on July 17, 1939. A copy of any of the releases may be obtained by ordering it by the number which follows the title.

July 18--WHEAT AND FLOUR EXPORT SALES TOTAL 118,054,000 BUSHELS--(96-40)--Sales of United States wheat and flour for export totaled approximately 118,054,000 bushels for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, the Department of Agriculture announces. These sales include 90,168,000 bushels of wheat and 27,886,000 bushels of wheat in form of flour. Approximately 106,000,000 bushels have been exported of the total quantity. The sale of approximately 93,754,000 bushels out of the total sales for export was assisted by the Federal export program at a cost of about \$25,700,000.

July 18--PRODUCERS TO VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO FORT WAYNE AREA MILK PROGRAM--(102-40)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that a referendum by mail will be conducted during the next 15 days on the issuance of amendments to an existing order regulating the handling of milk in the Fort Wayne (Indiana) marketing area. The amended order would supplement a proposed marketing agreement, as amended. About 1,100 producers are eligible to vote in the referendum.

July 18--SUGAR DELIVERIES FOR FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1939 ANNOUNCED BY SUGAR DIVISION--(105-40)--The Sugar Division issues its preliminary statement on deliveries of direct-consumption sugar by manufacturers and importers during June and totals for the first 6 months of 1939.

July 19--"HISTORY AND IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH"--(104-40)--is the title of an address by Harry L. Brown, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, at the Farmers' Field Day at the U. S. Cotton Field Station, Greenville, Texas, at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 19, 1939, in which Mr. Brown points out the important part research has played in agricultural development and the welfare of the farmer.

July 19--WEST COAST PEAR INDUSTRY TO VOTE ON MARKETING PLAN--(110-40)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that a referendum will be held on the issuance of an order embodying the provisions of a proposed marketing agreement for the handling in interstate and foreign commerce of six varieties of winter pears produced in Oregon, Washington, and California. The marketing agreement tentatively approved by the Secretary is being submitted to handlers for their signatures.





July 20--"THE PRACTICE OF DEMOCRACY"--(91-40)--is the title of an address by M. L. Wilson, Under Secretary of Agriculture, at a dinner held in connection with the Farm Bureau Midwest Training School, at Michigan State College, East Lansing at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 19, 1939.

July 20--"THE PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES OF THE AAA FARM PROGRAM"--(103-40)--is the subject of an address by R. M. Evans, Administrator of the AAA, at the annual meeting of the Institute of Rural Affairs, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia, 9 a.m., Thursday, July 20.

Mr. Evans discusses the development of agriculture in the United States from the early days to the launching of the Agricultural Conservation Program.

July 20--PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE USE OF U. S. BUTTER IN CANAL ZONE TO BE CONTINUED--(121-40)--Secretary Wallace approves the continuation of a program to encourage use of American butter in the Panama Canal Zone during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940. Exports of up to 1,000,000 pounds of butter are authorized under the plan.

July 23--SECRETARY WALLACE ANNOUNCES AN EXPORT PROGRAM FOR COTTON--(133-40)--Secretary Wallace announces that, effective at 12:01 a.m., July 27, 1939, payments will be made on exports of lint cotton produced in the United States and on exports of cotton goods produced and processed in the United States, as part of a program designed to assure the United States its fair share of the world cotton market.

July 24--AAA ANNOUNCES WINTER LEGUME SEED PROGRAM--(135-40)--Plans for the purchase and distribution of winter legume seeds in designated Southern and Southeastern areas in lieu of payments under the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program, are announced by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The plan is a continuation of the seed program conducted on an experimental basis in a few counties last year. The plan is optional with farmers and permits them to obtain Austrian winter pea seed and hairy vetch seed produced in Oregon and other Northwestern states for use in planting winter cover crops as a practice under the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program. The quantity of seeds which any individual farmer may obtain will be limited to 90 percent of the soil-building payment for his farm, and in most cases this will amount to less than 10 percent of the quantity of seeds required to plant the cultivated land on the farm to winter cover crops.





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July 31, 1939.

WEEKLY SUMMARY: AAA PRESS RELEASES

The following press releases relating to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Sugar Division and the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements have been issued by the Press Service since the last report on July 24, 1939. A copy of any of the releases may be obtained by ordering it by the number which follows the title.

July 24--DES MOINES NAMED FIFTH CITY FOR STAMP PLAN TEST--(142-40)-- Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace announces that Des Moines, Iowa, will be the fifth city in which the food order stamp plan for distributing surpluses through normal channels of trade will be inaugurated. Decision to try out the plan in Des Moines followed conferences there last week between representatives of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and representatives of the local welfare agencies, public officials, and members of the wholesale and retail food trades. Des Moines, as a concentrated trading area in a leading farming section, is reported unusually well adapted for testing the food stamp plan. The city has a population of about 142,500 (1930 census) and about 10,700 relief cases representing approximately 30,000 individuals.

July 25--COLORADO PEACH GROWERS TO VOTE ON MARKETING PLAN--(149-40)-- Peach growers of Mosca County, Colorado, will hold a referendum beginning July 31 on the issuance of an order embodying the terms of a proposed marketing agreement for peaches, the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces. The referendum will be held jointly with a referendum on a proposed State marketing agreement program which is to operate in conjunction with the Federal program.

July 26--HEARINGS SCHEDULED ON CALIFORNIA 1940 SUGAR BEET WAGE RATES AND PRICES--(156-40)--The Sugar Division announces that public hearings will be held to receive evidence on labor rates for the 1940 California sugar beet crop and on prices to be paid for that crop.

July 26--DPMA AUTHORIZED TO BUY BUTTER UNDER LOAN PROGRAM--(157-40)-- Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace directs the Dairy Products Marketing Association to buy butter on mercantile exchanges. In an initial purchase authorization under the recently announced loan program for the 1939-40 butter storage season, a Commodity Credit Corporation loan of up to \$6,000,000 to the DPMA has been approved for the purchase and storage of up to 25 million pounds of butter.

July 26--STORAGE ALLOWANCE ON CORN RAISED TO INCLUDE INSURANCE--(167-40)-- The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces that to simplify the corn rescaling program and to place farm and elevator storage on an equitable basis, the storage allowance is being increased to 7 cents per bushel with the provision that the farmer or elevator storing the corn carry insurance. Previously the storage allowance was 6 cents per bushel but the warehouseman was not required to provide insurance.





July 26--4 FIELD OFFICES TO ADMINISTER COTTON EXPORT PLAN ESTABLISHED--(165-40)--The Department of Agriculture announces the establishment of four field offices to administer the cotton export plan which becomes effective July 27. Offices to open on that date at New York, New Orleans, Savannah, and Houston. Nearby ports such as Baltimore and Norfolk will be served by the Washington office. An office will be opened later in Los Angeles. Agents of the Secretary in each of the offices will administer details of making payments on exports of raw cotton and cotton goods under the program.

July 26--POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, SELECTED FOR STAMP PLAN TEST--(161-40)--Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace announces selection of Pottawatomie county, Oklahoma, including the city of Shawnee, as the sixth area in which the food order stamp plan for distributing surpluses through normal channels of trade will be tried out. This county was selected following recent conferences between James S. Allen, assistant to the president of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, and state and local representatives of welfare agencies, public officials, and members of the retail and wholesale trade. Out of a population of approximately 66,000 (1930 census) in Pottawatomie county, about 4,350 families are receiving public aid.

July 26--RYE LOAN PROGRAM ANNOUNCED BY AAA--(164-40)--The loan program for rye which will be made available to producers in the eight major rye producing states of Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, is announced by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Loans are to be available on farm stored rye produced in 1939 grading No. 2 or better at a rate 22 cents less than the applicable 1939 loan rate for No. 2 Hard winter wheat. In no case will the loan be more than 38 cents per bushel.

July 27--PRODUCERS TO VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO KANSAS CITY AREA MILK PROGRAM--(174-40)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements of the Department of Agriculture announces that a referendum will be conducted by mail during the next 15 days on the issuance of an amended order similar in terms to a marketing agreement covering the handling of milk in the Kansas City marketing area. About 1,450 producers are eligible to cast ballots on the program.

July 27--AAA MARKETING QUOTA PROVISIONS AMENDED--(173-40)--The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces two amendments to the wheat and corn marketing quota provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, which have been passed by Congress and signed by the President, will simplify administration of marketing quotas on those commodities whenever such quotas may be in effect. The effect of the amendments is to place farm marketing quotas for wheat, corn, and cotton all on a similar basis.

July 28--"HELPING NATURE HELP MANKIND"--(158-40)--is the subject of an address by Secretary Wallace before the third annual Indiana Tomato Festival, at Elwood, Indiana, Thursday evening, July 27, at 7 p.m., in which the Secretary discusses the history of the development of the tomato, and particularly the development of the tomato industry in Indiana.

July 28--"THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE POULTRY INDUSTRY TO WORLD-WIDE ABUNDANCE"--(162-40)--is the title of an address by Secretary Wallace before the Seventh World's Poultry Congress and Exposition at Cleveland, Ohio, at 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 28. Secretary Wallace discusses the development of





the poultry industry and the progress made in applied science and research in this country.

July 28--VOTE ON HONEY BEES, QUEENS MARKETING PROGRAM SCHEDULED--  
(185-40)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that handlers and producers will vote in a referendum by mail on the question of continuance or termination of the marketing agreement program regulating the handling of package bees and queens in interstate commerce.

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WEEKLY SUMMARY: AAA PRESS RELEASES

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July 31--AMENDED LA PORTE MILK PROGRAM EFFECTIVE AUGUST 3. (204-40)--Secretary Wallace approves an amended federal order regulating the handling of milk in La Porte County (Indiana) marketing area. The amended order becomes effective August 3.

Aug. 2--U. S. COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES SHOW 50% INCREASE IN CAPACITY. (209-40)--A report of the Poultry Section of the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements shows that there has been an increase during recent years of approximately 50 percent in United States baby chick hatchery capacities. The report is a preliminary account of a survey which is being conducted by the Poultry Section and the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Aug. 2--SUGAR STATISTICS FOR FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1939 ANNOUNCED. (224-40)--The Sugar Division issues its monthly statistical statement on total deliveries of sugar during the first six months of 1939 showing deliveries amounting to 2,936,914 short tons, raw value, compared with 2,900,562 tons for the same period last year. The statement consolidates reports obtained from cane sugar refiners, beet sugar processors, importers, and others.

Aug. 2--BOSTON RELIEF MILK DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR THIS YEAR. (225-40)--The Department of Agriculture announces revision and continuation of a program aimed at enlarging markets for dairy farmers by making fluid milk available to needy families in the Boston, Mass., and Manchester, N.H., areas. State or local public relief agencies in Boston and Manchester will distribute the milk bought by the agencies to people on direct relief at 5 cents a quart and to certain other categories of relief cases, such as W.P.A. workers, at 7 cents a quart. The agencies will pay for processing costs on the 5-cent milk, and the recipient will pay this cost on the 7-cent milk distributed.

Aug. 3--LARD AND COTTONSEED SHORTENING WILL BE ADDED TO STAMP PLAN SURPLUS LIST. (228-40)--Secretary Wallace announces that lard and such vegetable fat products as are normally used for cooking purposes and are made principally from cottonseed oil, would be added to the list of officially designated surplus commodities which can be obtained with blue surplus stamps, under the Food Order Stamp program for distribution of surplus commodities to low-income families. The addition of these commodities to the official surplus list will be made sometime during this month. The surplus list now includes: butter, shell eggs, corn meal, dried prunes, dry edible beans, wheat and whole wheat flour, rice, cabbage, fresh tomatoes, fresh green peas, onions (except green onions), fresh peaches, and fresh pears.





Aug. 3--TEXT OF SECRETARY WALLACE'S LETTER ON CCC LOANS MADE PUBLIC.

(234-40)--The Department of Agriculture made public the letter addressed to Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Jr., with respect to the appropriation to restore the capital to the Commodity Credit Corporation, which was omitted from the Third Deficiency Bill as approved by the House of Representatives.

Aug. 8--"THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT AND THE AMERICAN WAY" is the subject of an address by Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, delivered before the American Institute of Cooperation, at the University of Chicago, Monday evening, August 7, 1939, in which the Secretary discusses the part that cooperative action has taken in developing and assisting to carry out programs designed to aid agriculture. (238-40).

Aug. 4--PEANUT INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES CALLED TO WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

(239-40)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements invites representatives of the peanut industry to a conference with Department of Agriculture officials in Washington August 15 for the discussion of the peanut situation and a possible diversion program for the 1939 crop. The conference will open at 9:30 a.m., in Room 2860, South Agriculture Building.

Aug. 4--SECRETARY EXPLAINS STATUS OF CCC FUNDS. (243-40)--

The Department of Agriculture makes public a letter addressed by the Secretary of Agriculture to Senator John H. Bankhead, concerning the funds now available to the Commodity Credit Corporation, in which the Secretary points out the necessity for additional funds for the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry on present and pending agricultural loan programs.

Aug. 5--ONE-VARIETY COTTON EXPORT PROGRAM TO BE CONTINUED. (246-40)--

The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces plans to continue during the 1939-40 season the one-variety cotton export program which was instituted last September to demonstrate to foreign spinners the high quality of American cotton produced in one-variety areas. The plan is in addition to the export program launched July 27 under which payments of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents per pound are made on cotton sold for export.

Aug. 5--TEXT OF SECRETARY'S LETTER ON FARM IMPORT PROVISIONS. (248-40)--

The Department of Agriculture makes public the text of a letter addressed by the Secretary of Agriculture to Senator Pat Harrison, containing information concerning H.R. 7171 to amend Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, to expedite operations of farm programs.

Aug. 5--EXPORT DATE EXTENDED FOR FLOUR SOLD FOR EXPORT BEFORE MAY 27.

(249-40)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces extension of time from August 15 to October 31, 1939 for flour sold for export before 2 p.m., EST, May 27, 1939, and the extension of time for the expiration for payment for flour sold before 2 p.m. on May 27, 1939 from October 15, 1939 to January 2, 1940.



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WEEKLY SUMMARY: AAA PRESS RELEASES

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Aug. 7--AAA ANNOUNCES RESEEDING PROGRAM FOR NORTHEASTERN DROUGHT COUNTIES. (255-40)--Mr. A. W. Manchester, Director of the Northeast Division of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, announces an emergency program for the Northeast drought area to help farmers make special midsummer seedings to replace spring hay and pasture seedings killed by the July drought. Legume and grass seeds will be furnished upon request to farmers in drought areas who have lost seedings made this spring. Seeds will be distributed through local seed dealers. Under the plan the AAA will furnish the seed and the farmer the labor with which to repair this part of the drought damage.

Aug. 8--FOOD STAMP PLAN EXPANSION ANNOUNCED BY WALLACE. (253-40)--Secretary Wallace announces gradual expansion during the next few months of the Food Stamp Plan for distributing surplus agricultural commodities. Studies of the Stamp Plan operation, which have been carried on in Rochester, New York, and other experimental cities, have shown results warranting gradual extension of the plan to other cities and areas.

Aug. 8--ENTRIES OF SUGAR AGAINST OFFSHORE QUOTAS FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1939 ANNOUNCED. (254-40)--The Sugar Division issues its seventh monthly report on the status of the 1939 sugar quotas for the various sugar-producing areas supplying the United States market. The sum of these quotas represents the quantity of sugar estimated, under the Sugar Act of 1937, to be required to meet consumers' needs during the current year. The report shows that the quantity of sugar charged against the quotas for all offshore areas, including the full-duty countries, during the first seven months of 1939, amounted to 2,771,729 short tons, raw value, compared with 3,049,474 tons for the same period last year.

Aug. 9--TOBACCO AMENDMENTS INCLUDE PROVISIONS ASKED BY FARMERS. (266-40)--The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces that four tobacco amendments, designed to simplify and make more effective the operation of tobacco marketing quota provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, have been passed by Congress and signed by the President. The amendments change the date for proclaiming tobacco marketing quotas, provide for quotas equal to the actual production on the farm acreage allotment, avoid the necessity for a second referendum on Burley and dark tobacco for the same marketing year, and change the penalty for excess marketings from a percentage of the gross price to a flat rate per pound.





Aug. 9--FIFTH FIELD OFFICE TO HANDLE COTTON EXPORT PROGRAM OPENED AT LOS ANGELES. (271-40)--The Department of Agriculture announces opening of an office at Los Angeles, California, to assist in handling the cotton export program launched July 27, 1939. The office is located at 543 Cotton Exchange Building, with R. H. Powley in charge.

Aug. 10--HEARING SCHEDULED ON TEXAS CITRUS PROGRAM. (275-40)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that a hearing on a proposed marketing agreement and order for citrus fruit grown in three Texas counties will open at 10 a.m., August 28, 1939, at the Weslaco High School Auditorium, Weslaco, Texas. The proposed program would regulate the handling of oranges and grapefruit grown in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties and shipped in interstate commerce and to Canada.

Aug. 10--CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR 43 MILLION BUSHELS OF STEEL BIN CORN STORAGE. (277-40)--The Department of Agriculture announces the awarding of contracts for the purchase of 25,500 steel grain bins with a total capacity of 43,279,900 bushels of shelled corn. The Commodity Credit Corporation is buying the bins to store at country points corn which may be delivered in settlement of corn loans which matured August 1.

Aug. 10--ANNOUNCE DEADLINES FOR WHEAT INSURANCE APPLICATIONS, PREMIUMS. (279-40)--The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation announces deadlines for acceptance of applications and premium payments from growers who wish to insure their 1940 winter wheat crop. The deadlines vary with States and areas.

Aug. 11--"THE FIRST YEAR OF THE NEW WHEAT PROGRAM" is the title of an address by R. M. Evans, Administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, before a meeting of farmers and AAA committeemen at Amarillo, Texas, at 2 p.m., Friday, August 11, 1939. (280-40)

Aug. 10--NEW REGIONAL DIRECTORS NAMED BY FSA AND FSCC. (282-40)--The Department of Agriculture announces appointment of Jonathan Garst as Regional Director of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation in charge of administering the Food Stamp Plan in the West Coast and Rocky Mountain States, and of Laurence I. Hewes, Jr., as Regional Director of the Farm Security Administration. Both officers will maintain offices in San Francisco.

Aug. 11--WHEAT EXPORT PROGRAM IS CHANGED TO PAYMENT BASIS. (284-40)--Secretary Wallace announces that under the continuing wheat export program, and beginning at 12:01 a.m., EST, on Saturday, August 19, 1939, payments will be made on exports of wheat produced in the United States. Since its inauguration in August 1938, the wheat export program has been operated through purchases by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation in United States markets, and resale to United States exporters at prices which would enable the exporters to sell in world markets. The new method of operation will be based on export payments, made directly to United States exporters who sell abroad.

Aug. 11--PEACH MARKETING AGREEMENT MADE EFFECTIVE IN COLORADO. (288-40)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that a marketing agreement program to improve marketing conditions for peaches produced in Mesa County, Colorado, will become effective August 15, 1939. The Federal program will make possible the regulation of interstate shipments of peaches produced in Mesa County and will operate in conjunction with a State program designed to regulate intrastate shipments.





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The following press releases relating to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Sugar Division and the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements have been issued by the Press Service since the last report on August 14, 1939. A copy of any of the releases may be obtained by ordering it by the number which follows the title.

August 13--AAA ANNOUNCES SOIL AID CAMPAIGN FOR NORTHEAST--(292-40)--The Northeast Division of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces a fall campaign to increase the use of lime and superphosphate on pasture and on land in Northeast States being prepared for spring seedings of legumes. This campaign is part of the general conservation program for these States and will help meet problems arising from drought in connection with these crops.

August 14--ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR NAMED FOR STAMP PLAN IN MIDDLE WEST--(298-40)--The Department of Agriculture announces the appointment of Paul H. Jordan, of Lincoln, Nebraska, as Assistant Regional Director of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation to be in charge of the Food Stamp Plan in the Middle West. Mr. Jordan is now Regional Information Adviser of the Farm Security Administration at Lincoln and will take up his new duties August 16 with headquarters at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

August 15--SECRETARY ISSUES STATEMENT ON FATS AND OILS SITUATION--(300-40)--Secretary Wallace makes public a brief analysis of the fats and oils situation prepared by economists of the Department of Agriculture and which shows increase in stocks of fats and oils and recent decrease in imports. Secretary Wallace said that the situation as revealed by the analysis did not warrant an export subsidy program on lard or other fats and oils but pointed out the various proposals for dealing with the conditions brought about by comparatively low prices for lard, cottonseed oil and other fats and oils which are still under consideration.

August 15--SUGAR DELIVERIES FOR FIRST 7 MONTHS OF 1939 ANNOUNCED BY SUGAR DIVISION--(302-40)--The Sugar Division issues a preliminary statement of deliveries of direct consumption sugar by manufacturers and importers during July which shows that for the first 7 months of 1939 deliveries amounted to 3,520,007 short tons.

August 16--TOBACCO REFERENDUM PLANNED, CROP MAKES QUOTA PROBABLE--(311-40)--The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces that instructions for holding a referendum on flue-cured tobacco marketing quotas for the 1940 crop have been approved by Secretary Wallace and are being forwarded to county AAA offices. The size of the 1939 flue-cured tobacco crop likely will bring supplies to a level requiring proclamation of a quota not later than December 1, which is set by law as the latest date for proclaiming a quota. The referendum must be held within 30 days after the proclamation. The Secretary is required to proclaim a national quota when the total supply is above the reserve supply level. Crop estimates on August 10 placed 1939 production at 1,028 million pounds as compared with the largest previous production of 865 million pounds in 1930.





August 16--SUGAR BEET FAIR PRICE DETERMINATION ANNOUNCED--(312-40)--

The Sugar Division announces that the rates of payment for 1939 crop sugar beets, as specified in existing contracts with growers, will qualify grower-processors for conditional payments on the current crop, under the Sugar Act of 1937. The Act requires grower-processors, as one condition of payment for the beets they produce, to pay not less than the rates determined by the Secretary of Agriculture to be fair and reasonable for the sugar beets bought from other growers.

August 17--REJECTION OF SEED BIDS ANNOUNCED BY TRIPLE-A--(316-40)--

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces that bids in response to a recent advertisement for the purchase of 5,512,000 pounds of hairy vetch and Austrian winter pea seed have been rejected because the prices bid were considered too high. Rejected bids covered seed which would have been supplied to farmers in the South and Southeast in lieu of payments under the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program.

August 17--LOANS ON '38 COTTON EXTENDED ONE YEAR; GOVERNMENT TAKES TITLE TO OLDER LOAN STOCKS--(320-40)--

Secretary of Agriculture announces extension by Commodity Credit Corporation of the maturity date of its loans on 1938 crop cotton one year to July 31, 1940; that it has taken title to the remainder of the 1934 crop cotton under Government loans; and that to acquire the necessary additional cotton for delivery under the cotton-rubber exchange agreement with Great Britain, it will take title on September 1, 1939 to the 1937 crop cotton which is under government loans. Loans on the 1938 crop year were made on 4,480,000 bales of cotton and during recent weeks loans on approximately 400,000 bales of this crop have been repaid and the cotton has been released.

August 17--ROBBINS NAMED PRESIDENT OF COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION--

(321-40)--Secretary Wallace announces that Carl B. Robbins has been appointed President of Commodity Credit Corporation, effective August 15. Mr. Robbins succeeds Lynn P. Talley, Assistant to the Board of Directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

August 17--NEW YORK MILK HEARING SET FOR AUGUST 24 AND 25--(323-40)--

The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements of the Department of Agriculture announces that public hearings will be held at Syracuse, New York, August 24 and at New York City, August 25, to consider proposed amendments for increasing producer prices under the Federal-State orders regulating the handling of milk in the New York metropolitan market.

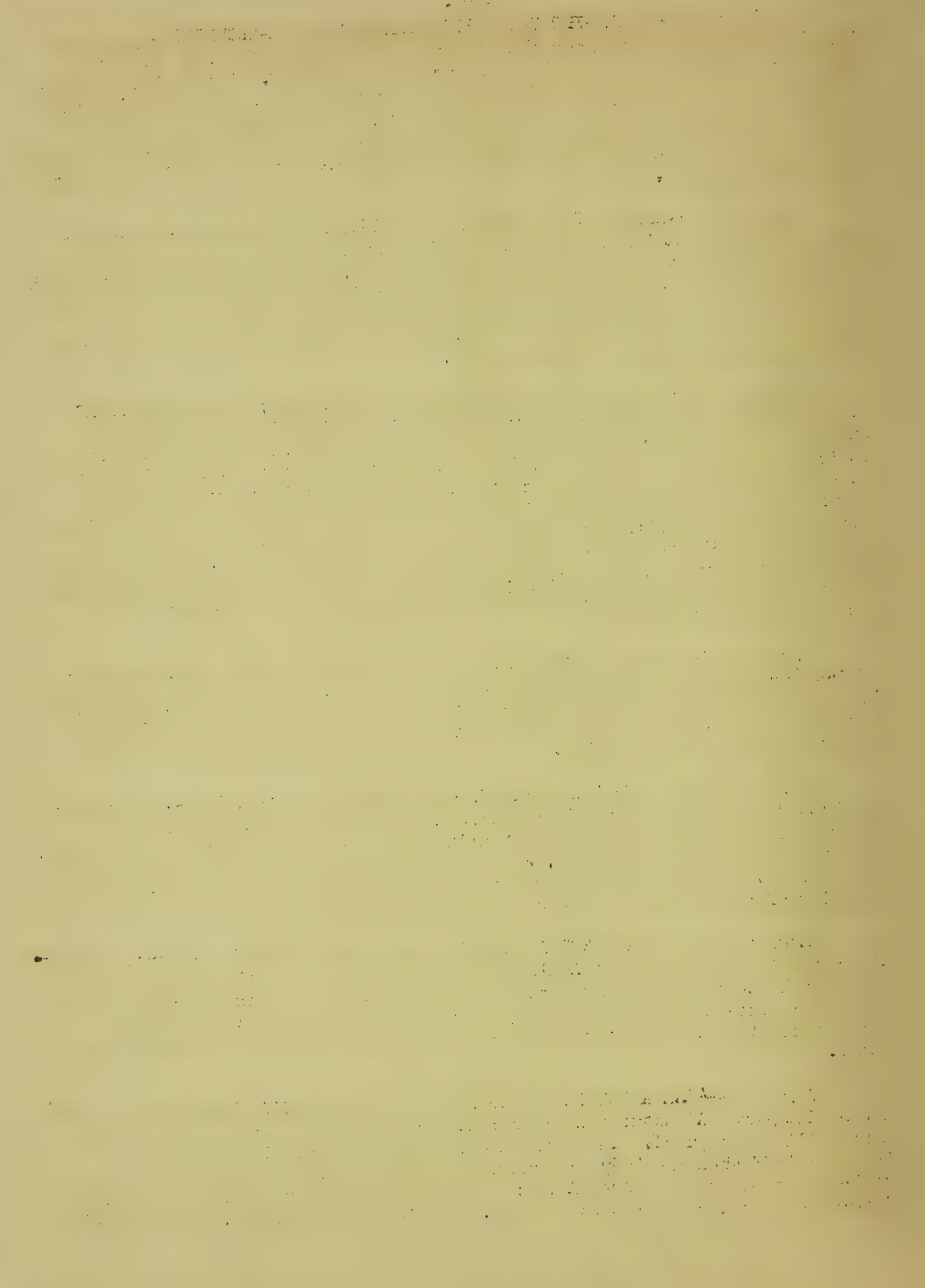
August 18--1940 AAA WHEAT PAYMENTS WILL RANGE BETWEEN 18-22¢--(324-40)--

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces that the rates of payment which wheat farmers may earn in 1940 for complying with the AAA program will total between 18 and 22 cents a bushel on the normal yield in their acreage allotment. This includes the conservation and price adjustment payments.

August 18--AAA ANNOUNCES RATES FOR 1939 CONSERVATION PAYMENTS--(332-40)

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces the rates at which payments will be computed. The rates are the same as those indicated in November 1938 when the 1939 program was announced except on cotton, general soil-depleting crops in Area A where payment is made for diversion, rice, and fire-cured and dark air-cured tobacco. For these commodities, the rates will





be 10 percent less than those announced last fall.

August 19--~~PRODUCERS TO VOTE ON CHICAGO MILK PROGRAM--(335-40)--~~The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that producers will vote in a referendum by mail on the issuance of a Federal order designed to regulate the handling of milk in the Chicago marketing area. About 15,500 producers in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin are eligible to participate in the referendum.

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The following press releases relating to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Sugar Division and the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements have been issued by the Press Service since the last report on August 21, 1939. A copy of any of the releases may be obtained by ordering it by the number which follows the summary.

August 19--HOP PRODUCERS TO VOTE ON PROGRAM AMENDMENTS--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that a referendum will be held between August 21 and September 2, 1939 among growers on proposed amendments to the order supplementing the marketing agreement regulating the handling of hops produced in Oregon, California, and Washington. At the same time proposed amendments to the marketing agreement will be submitted to hops handlers. The Division also announces the establishment by the Secretary of Agriculture of the "salable quantity" of 1939 hops at 29,400,000 pounds. The salable quantity is established each year under the program and is allotted proportionately among all growers based on the quantity of hops each grower produces.--(337-40).

August 21--WHEAT GROWERS COLLECT \$1,424,616 IN INSURANCE--The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation announces that more than 11,000 wheat growers whose 1939 wheat crops were damaged have collected indemnities on 2,670,236 bushels of wheat under the Federal crop insurance program. The value of the indemnities disbursed to growers up to August 12 was \$1,424,616.--(341-40).

August 22--1938 ACP PAYMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS TOTALLED \$499,999,278 ON JUNE 30--Total certifications for payment and obligations under the 1938 Agricultural Conservation Program amounted to \$499,999,278 through June 30, 1939, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration announced today. The total includes, by States and regions, more than 461 million dollars in payments disbursed or due to be disbursed to cooperators in the 1938 Agricultural Conservation Program together with national and local administrative expenses. Obligations totaling approximately \$38,450,000 also were incurred in carrying out other activities authorized under the appropriation for the Agricultural Conservation Program. When final adjustments are made it is anticipated that expenditures will approximate the \$500,000,000 appropriated for these purposes.--(349-40).

August 22--PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED TO SET UP CHEESE STANDARDS--The Food and Drug Administration announces that a public hearing will open September 25, 1939 to receive evidence upon the basis of which regulations may be promulgated establishing standards of identity under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Cheddar Cheese (American Cheese, Cheese), Washed Curd Cheese (Soaked Curd Cheese), and Colby Cheese. Another public hearing will open October 2, 1939 to receive evidence upon which to base a standard of identity for Cream Cheese under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.



The hearings will open at 10 a.m. and will be held in Room 1039, South Building of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. All interested persons are invited to attend.--(350-40).

August 22--U.S.D.A. ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF FSCC SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM--The Department of Agriculture announces expansion of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation's school lunch program in the hope that 5,000,000 undernourished children would be served by the end of the coming school year and that the program would provide additional outlets for agricultural surpluses. The project is carried out by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation in cooperation with the Works Projects Administration and local educational, civic, and welfare agencies. Surplus agricultural commodities bought by the Corporation are made available through State welfare agencies to supply all or part of the food used in serving free hot lunches.--(351-40).

August 22--INSURANCE CERTIFICATES ON CORN TO REMAIN IN EFFECT--The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces that insurance certificates issued by private insurance companies on Government corn resealed on the farm would remain in effect and that a deposit for insurance in connection with the corn resealed from the 1937 and 1938 crops would not be required. This deposit was to have been used as a fund from which losses on resealed corn would have been paid and would have replaced insurance now provided by private companies.--(353-40).

August 22--WEST COAST WINTER PEAR PROGRAM MADE EFFECTIVE--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that a marketing agreement program to assist the winter pear industry of Oregon, Washington, and California will become effective August 26, 1939. Under the program the industry can regulate shipments in interstate and foreign commerce of the following varieties of winter pears produced in these three States: Beurre D'Anjou, Beurre Bosc, Winter Nolis, Doyenne Du Comice, Beurre Easter, and Beurre Clairgeau.--(354-40).

August 22--CCC AWARDS CONTRACT FOR CLASSING BRITISH COTTON--The Commodity Credit Corporation has awarded Manget Brothers Company the contract for services in connection with the delivery of cotton under the cotton-rubber Exchange Agreement with the British Government, the Department of Agriculture announces. Manget Brothers Company of Lowman, Georgia, was the lowest bidder among more than 30 companies seeking the contract. The Company agreed to sample and class the cotton, to furnish the Corporation necessary data, and to perform other services specified for 20 cents a bale where delivery of cotton to shipboard is made from its present warehouse location and 25 cents a bale where it is necessary to re-concentrate the cotton selected for delivery.--(355-40).

August 23--CALIFORNIA DRIED PRUNE MARKETING PLAN TERMINATED--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces termination effective August 23 of the marketing agreement and license for the handling of dried prunes produced in California.--(360-40).

August 23--SUGAR DIVISION ISSUES DATA ON "INVISIBLE" SUGAR STOCKS--Data on "invisible" supplies of sugar in the United States together with a record of receipts and deliveries for the second quarter of 1939 are summarized by the Sugar Division. The summary was based on reports obtained from 1,415 manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers.--(363-40).





August 25--AMENDED FORT WAYNE MILK PROGRAM EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that an amended Federal order regulating the handling of milk in the Fort Wayne (Indiana) marketing area will become effective September 1. The order complements an Indiana Milk Control Board order.--(369-40).

August 25--U.S.D.A. AGAIN ASKS FOR BIDS ON STEEL GRAIN BINS--The Department of Agriculture calls for bids for 13,750 steel grain bins having a storage capacity of 25 million bushels of shelled corn. These bins are to be in addition to the 25,500 bins for which contracts were awarded on August 10 and on the 320 bins for which the contract was awarded August 22. The bins are to be used to provide storage at central points for corn which may be delivered to Commodity Credit Corporation in settlement of loans. These loans cover 257 million bushels of 1937 and 1938 corn and matured on August 1.--(368-40).

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WEEKLY SUMMARY: AAA PRESS RELEASES

The following press releases relating to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Sugar Division and the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements have been issued by the Press Service since the last report on August 28, 1939. A copy of any of the releases may be obtained by ordering it by the number which follows the summary.

August 28--HONEY BEES, QUEENS MARKETING PLAN TERMINATED BY REFERENDUM--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces termination, effective August 29, 1939, of the marketing agreement program regulating the handling of package bees and queens in interstate commerce. The plan has been in effect throughout the United States since September 6, 1938.--(379-40).

August 29--CHICAGO MILK PROGRAM EFFECTIVE SEPT. 1; CLADAKIS ADMINISTRATOR--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that a Federal order regulating the handling of milk in the Chicago (Illinois) marketing area has been approved by Secretary Wallace and will become effective September 1. The order will apply to an area including Chicago, Evanston, Glencoe, Kenilworth, Wilmette, and Winnetka.--(385-40).

August 29--AMENDED KANSAS CITY MILK PROGRAM EFFECTIVE SEPT. 1--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that an amended Federal order regulating the handling of milk in the Kansas City (Missouri) marketing area has been approved by the Secretary of Agriculture and will become effective September 1, 1939. The amended order provides for changes in price schedule for various classes of milk handled in the Kansas City area.--(387-40).

August 31--DELEGATES TO COTTON MEETING--The Department of Agriculture announces the names of the representatives of foreign countries who are expected to attend the International Cotton Meeting scheduled to open September 5 in Washington.--(392-40).

August 31--JOINT PROCEDURE APPROVED FOR FEDERAL AND STATE MILK ORDERS IN LOUISIANA--A memorandum of agreement between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Louisiana Milk Commission outlining the basis for Federal-State cooperation in the development and administration of complementary and concurrent orders which may be issued for regulating the handling of milk in marketing areas which derive part of their supply outside of Louisiana, is made public by the Department of Agriculture.--(400-40).

September 1--SUGAR STATISTICS FOR FIRST 7 MONTHS OF 1939 ANNOUNCED--The Sugar Division issues its monthly statement covering total deliveries of sugar during the first 7 months of 1939, consolidated from reports obtained from cane sugar refiners, processors, importers, and others. The statement shows that total deliveries of sugar for the first 7 months of 1939 amounted to 3,586,444 short tons compared with 3,551,579 tons for the same period a year ago.--(403-40).



September 1--HEARING SCHEDULED ON AMENDMENT TO WEST COAST WALNUT PROGRAM--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that a public hearing will open September 6, 1939 at 9:30 a.m. at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, California, to receive evidence on proposed amendments to the marketing agreement and order regulating the handling of walnuts produced in California, Washington, and Oregon.--(404-40).

September 1--SUGAR DIVISION ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE FAIR PRICE DETERMINATION FOR 1939 LOUISIANA SUGARCANE CROP--The Sugar Division announces a tentative determination of the price to be paid for the 1939 crop of Louisiana sugarcane by processors who, as producers, apply for conditional payments under the Sugar Act of 1937. Final determination will be withheld until growers, processors, and others concerned have had an opportunity to present their views. Among other conditions, the Sugar Act requires that grower-processors who wish to qualify for Federal payments must pay for cane bought from other growers at rates not less than those determined by the Secretary of Agriculture to be fair and reasonable.--(399-40).

September 1--SECRETARY WALLACE URGES NO CHANGE IN FARM PLANS--Secretary Wallace in a message to American farmers, following the outbreak of war in Europe, urges them to "proceed with their production plans as if the outbreak in Europe had not occurred." The Secretary announces that the primary efforts of the Department of Agriculture, together with all other branches of the Administration, will be to keep this country out of war. Secondary efforts, he said, will be directed to protect American farmers and consumers as fully as possible against the effects of war abroad.--(407-40).

September 2--1940 ACREAGE ALLOTMENT PROCEDURE FOR FLUE-CURED TOBACCO ANNOUNCED--The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces procedure for establishing flue-cured tobacco acreage allotments will apply to next year's Agricultural Conservation Program and also to the marketing quota program if quotas are in effect for 1940.--(405-40).

September 2--SAYS WORLD SITUATION WARRANTS NO WHEAT ACREAGE CHANGE IN U.S.--R. M. Evans, Administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, declares that the European crisis does not warrant any change in the 1940 wheat acreage allotments for American farmers. He points out that the 62 million acre allotment for 1940 is larger by 7 million acres than the 1939 allotment and much larger than the harvested acreage in 1914 and that world granaries are overflowing with the largest wheat supply in history while prospective demand in neither the foreign nor domestic markets justifies expansion of acreage by American farmers now.--(410-40).

September 2--HEARING CALLED ON COTTON LOAN PROGRAM--Representatives of cotton producers and other interested groups are invited to attend a meeting in Washington, September 14, to discuss the various questions involved in case a loan program for 1939 cotton becomes necessary. The discussion will open for consideration of all aspects of the loan program, including the loan rate, net weight basis, allowances for differences in grade, staple, and location, and rates of carrying charges.--(413-40).

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The following press releases relating to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Sugar Division and the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements have been issued by the Press Service since the last report on September 5, 1939. A copy of any of the releases may be obtained by ordering it by the number which follows the summary.

September 5--ADVISORY COUNCIL FORMED TO AID IN FARM POLICIES--Secretary Wallace announces formation of an Agricultural Advisory Council to assist in formulating policies to deal with the situation brought about by the outbreak in Europe. The Council will hold its first meeting at 10 a.m., September 19, in the office of the Secretary.--(415-40).

September 5--COOPERATION OR CHAOS--is the title of an address by Secretary Wallace before the International Cotton Meeting at Washington, D. C., September 5, in which the Secretary welcomes the conference group and discusses the objectives of the conference of international groups concerning the immediate cotton situation.--(414-40).

September 6--THE COTTON SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES--is the title of a statement delivered by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Harry Brown before the International Cotton Meeting at Washington, September 6, in which the Assistant Secretary discusses the cotton situation in the United States and the efforts that have been made to meet the various problems of the cotton industry.--(419-40).

September 6--COTTON SALES AND DELIVERIES FOR EXPORT TOTAL 1,180,174 BALES UNDER PROGRAM--The Department of Agriculture announces that cumulative sales and deliveries of cotton and cotton products for export under the cotton export program total 1,180,174 bales through August 31, 1939. Of this quantity 29,029 bales represented cotton products.--(426-40).

September 6--AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP LIST ANNOUNCED--The Department of Agriculture makes public the list of members who will serve on the recently formed Agricultural Advisory Council. Members were named by Secretary Wallace at the request of President Roosevelt to assist in formulating policies to deal with the European situation.--(427-40).

September 7--PURCHASE OF 6,400 ADDITIONAL STEEL GRAIN BINS ANNOUNCED--The Department of Agriculture announces purchase of 6,400 steel grain bins with the storage capacity of 13,526,000 bushels in addition to the 25,800 bins for which contracts were let in August. Commodity Credit Corporation is buying the bins for the storage at country points of corn which may be delivered in settlement of loans that matured August 1. Under the corn loan re-sealing program now in progress all the 257 million bushels of 1937 and 1938 corn now under seal





will be held off the market. Farmers may renew the matured loans and retain title to their corn by arranging for storage either on their farms or in local elevators.--(432-40).

September 7--SUGAR SUPPLIES AMPLE, DEPARTMENT POINTS OUT--Responding to numerous inquiries the Sugar Division announces that supplies of sugar available for the United States are ample for all consumer requirements. Total stocks in the United States, the Division says, aggregated 1,035,000 tons on July 31 as compared with 909,000 tons on the same date last year. In addition to these cane sugar stocks, beet sugar factories had 725,000 tons on hand as compared with 500,000 tons last year.--(436-40).

September 8--PRODUCERS TO VOTE ON MILK PROGRAM FOR NEW ORLEANS--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that a referendum will be conducted by mail in the next few days among producers on the issuance of a Federal order regulating the handling of milk in the New Orleans (Louisiana) marketing area. The order would embody the terms of a tentatively approved marketing agreement which is to be submitted to handlers for their signatures and which would complement an order to be issued by the Louisiana Milk Commission.--(441-40).

September 8--ENTRIES OF SUGAR AGAINST OFFSHORE QUOTAS FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1939 ANNOUNCED--The Sugar Division announces that the quantity of sugar charged against the 1939 quotas for all offshore areas including full-duty countries during the first 8 months of 1939 amount to 3,227,825 short tons, raw value, against the 3,576,008 tons for the same period last year. On August 31, unfilled balances of these quotas amounted to 1,536,055 short tons against 1,145,864 tons charged against the quotas during the last four months of 1938.--(440-40).

September 8--SECRETARY WALLACE APPROVES 1940 FARM PROGRAM PROVISIONS--Secretary Wallace formally approves most of the provisions of the 1940 Farm Program. The program was formulated after thorough consideration of the current European situation and its possible effect on American agriculture.--(437-40).

September 8--FARMERS, CONSUMERS, AND MIDDLEMEN AND THEIR FOOD SUPPLIES IN TIME OF WAR--is the title of a radio address delivered by Secretary Wallace from Washington over the Columbia Broadcasting System at 8:00 p.m., September 8, in which the Secretary comments on European events of the past two weeks and offers reassurance as to the strong position of the United States in the matter of food abundance. He points to the bountiful quantities of wheat, corn, and cotton available through the Ever-Normal Granary, which he characterizes as a "bank" doing the same thing for agricultural products that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation does for bank deposits.--(449-40).

September 9--EXPORT PROGRAM FOR COTTON EXTENDED TO NEARBY AREAS--The Department of Agriculture announces that effective at 12:01 a.m., September 11, the cotton and cotton products export program will be extended to Canada, Mexico, and other nearby countries and areas to which it has not been applicable. Extension of the program follows the President's proclamation limiting imports of cotton and cotton wastes in the United States, effective September 20.--(452-40).

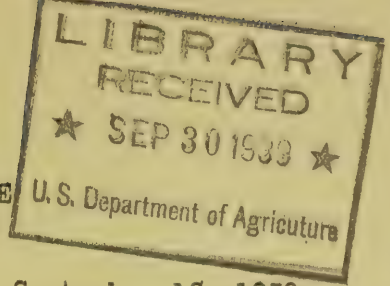


September 11--NORTHEAST DROUGHT RESEEDINGS TOTAL MORE THAN 200,000 ACRES--The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces that seed has been supplied to nearly 29,000 farmers in the Northeastern drought area for reseeding more than 200,000 acres of drought-damaged hay and pasture land. Distribution of the seed has been made largely in New York and Pennsylvania. Seed has been furnished also in drought areas of New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Vermont.--(450-40).





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September 12--SUSPENSION OF SUGAR QUOTAS INCREASES DUTY ON CUBAN SUGAR--Following President Roosevelt's proclamation, temporarily suspending sugar marketing quotas, Secretary Wallace gave public notice which, under the provisions of the Reciprocal Trade Agreement with Cuba, had the effect of raising the duty on Cuban sugar from the 90 cents provided in the trade agreement to the statutory rate of \$1.50 per hundred pounds, raw basis.  
--(469-40).

September 12--FSCC AUTHORIZED TO BUY DRIED PRUNES FOR RELIEF--The Department of Agriculture announces that the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation has been authorized to buy surplus dried prunes in California, Oregon, and Washington. Authorization followed a request by the prune industry for a program which would include relief purchases of surplus supplies and a commodity loan on prunes. Since the request was made prune prices have advanced substantially.--(468-40).

September 13--PRODUCERS TO VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO NEW YORK MILK MARKETING PROGRAM--A referendum by mail among approximately 60,000 dairymen throughout the New York milkshed will be conducted during a period ending September 22, on an amendment for increasing producer milk prices until May 1, 1940 under the Federal order for the New York metropolitan market, the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces.--(475-40).

September 13--WHEAT AND FLOUR EXPORT CONTRACTS FOR JULY-AUGUST 12,070,000 BUSHEL--The Department of Agriculture announces that contracts were made between July 1 and August 31, 1939 for the export of 12,070,000 bushels of wheat under the wheat and flour export program.--(476-40).

September 13--NO REFERENDUM THIS YEAR ON CORN MARKETING QUOTAS--Secretary Wallace announces that there will be no referendum on corn marketing quotas this year. The September crop report indicates a 1939 corn crop of approximately 2,523,000 bushels and the October 1 carryover is estimated at 470,000,000 bushels, indicating a total corn supply for 1939 of 2,993,000,000 bushels. The 1939 marketing quota level, as determined under the provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 and in view of the current European situation, is 3,030,000,000 bushels. If the indicated supply of corn had been above this level, the Act would have made a producer referendum mandatory in which farmers would have voted on the establishment of corn marketing quotas for the 1939 crop.--(479-40).





September 13--AAA PLANS TO HOLD FLUE-CURED TOBACCO REFERENDUM SOON--  
The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces that plans are being made to hold a referendum soon on control of the 1940 crop of flue-cured tobacco through the use of marketing quotas. The announcement follows a meeting of flue-cured tobacco farmers, warehousemen, and businessmen. Growers recommended that the referendum be held not earlier than September 30 and not later than October 7.--(481-40).

September 14--INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED FOR HOLDING PROBABLE BURLEY TOBACCO REFERENDUM--Instructions for holding a referendum on Burley tobacco marketing quotas for the 1940 crop have been approved by Secretary Wallace, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces. Although a quota has not been proclaimed, the size of the 1939 crop of Burley tobacco apparently will bring supplies to a level requiring proclamation of the quota not later than December 1, which is set by law as the final date a quota may be proclaimed. The referendum must be held within 30 days after proclamation.--(486-40).

September 15--SECRETARY WALLACE PROCLAIMS 1940 COTTON MARKETING QUOTA--  
Secretary Wallace announces a national cotton marketing quota which, with normal yields, will make possible the marketing within the quota of about 12,000,000 bales of cotton during the marketing year beginning August 1, 1940. The quota will not remain in effect unless it is approved by two-thirds of the eligible cotton growers voting in a referendum to be held Saturday, December 9. The 1940 quota is the same as the 1939 quota, which was approved by more than 84 percent of the producers who voted in the referendum held December 10, 1938.--(490-40).

September 16--PEANUT SURPLUS REMOVAL PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED FOR 1939 CROP--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces a program for the diversion of surplus peanuts of the 1939 crop to the manufacture of oil and by-products. The plan is similar to the diversion programs in effect for the 1937 and 1938 crops. Farmers' stock peanuts grown in 1939 will be acquired from producers by cooperative peanut grower associations at scheduled prices for various types and grades. The peanuts acquired under the program may be resold by the cooperatives to the edible trade if prices rise above the purchase price plus allowances for warehousing, shrinkage, and other costs, or the peanuts may be diverted to oil and by-products, for which the program provides payments to associations of producers. The payments represent the difference between the purchase price and the resale price for diversion, plus an allowance for handling.--(499-40).

September 16--SPRINGFIELD SELECTED AS SEVENTH CITY FOR FOOD STAMP PLAN OPERATION--Secretary Wallace announces that Springfield, Illinois has been selected as the seventh city in which the Food Order Stamp Plan for distributing surpluses through normal channels of trade will be put in operation. Springfield is the first city to be designated since the Secretary's recent announcement that the Stamp Plan would be expanded gradually to include other cities throughout the United States in addition to the six in which it has been operating on an experimental basis.--(500-40).

September 17--PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE PRODUCTION OF WINTER LEGUME SEED ANNOUNCED--The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces a program to encourage increased production of Austrian winter pea and hairy vetch seed in



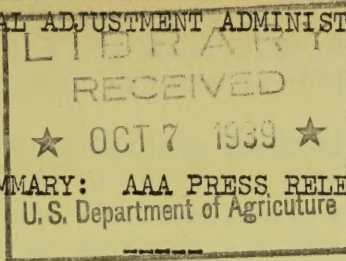
order to make possible greater plantings of winter cover crops in southeastern States. The program includes: (1) Purchase of seed to be supplied to farmers in Oregon and other northwestern States where expansion in the acreage of these crops is possible; (2) loans to be available next year on Austrian winter pea and hairy vetch seed produced in 1940. Awards for the purchase of two million pounds of Austrian winter pea seed and 300,000 pounds of hairy vetch seed have been made. The seed will be made available to producers of winter legume seed in lieu of payments under the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program and will be available only for planting acreage in excess of that planted for harvest in 1939.--(502-40).

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The following press releases relating to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Sugar Division and the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements have been issued by the Press Service since the last report on September 18, 1939. A copy of any of the releases may be obtained by ordering it by the number which follows the summary.

September 19--SUGAR DELIVERIES FOR FIRST 8 MONTHS OF 1939 ANNOUNCED BY SUGAR DIVISION--The Sugar Division issues a preliminary statement showing deliveries of direct-consumption sugar by manufacturers and importers during August. The statement is based on teletypographic reports from the companies.--(511-40).

September 20--SECRETARY WALLACE'S LETTER TO FLUE-CURED GROWERS MADE PUBLIC--The Department of Agriculture makes public a letter to growers from Secretary Wallace concerning the current situation in flue-cured tobacco. The Secretary points to the serious crisis faced by growers and the conditions which have brought about withdrawal of orders for further purchases of flue-cured tobacco at this time by large British companies. He also points out the difficulties caused by the 200 million pound surplus from the 1939 crop of a billion pounds. "...the most important matter is the decision as to the size of the 1940 crop of tobacco. Growers will be given an opportunity to vote on this question in a referendum. At the same time, plans are being made as to the action to be taken in case foreign buyers do not return to the market and take their usual purchases. It is realized that it would not be sound to undertake to sustain prices unless farmers decided to support the program by regulating marketings in 1940."--(505-40).

September 20--1940 CROP INSURANCE SIGN-UP FOR WINTER WHEAT PASSES 123,000--The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation reports that as of September 14 more than 123,000 growers in 31 states had completed applications and paid premiums estimated at 4,508,430 bushels on "all-risk" crop insurance on the 1940 winter wheat crop. The total number of policies written during the first year of the program, including insurance on spring wheat, was approximately 170,000. Premium payments amounted to about 7,200,000 bushels.--(514-40).

September 20--AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL CONFERENCE REPORT MADE PUBLIC--The Agricultural Advisory Council pledges its fullest cooperation to the President and the Secretary of Agriculture in meeting the situation created by the outbreak in Europe, the Department of Agriculture announces.--(519-40).

September 21--COTTON SALES AND DELIVERIES FOR EXPORT TOTAL 1,895,000 BALES UNDER PROGRAM--The Department of Agriculture announces that sales and deliveries for export of cotton and cotton products under the cotton export program totaled 1,895,000 bales through September 18, 1939. Of this total 60,000 bales represented the raw cotton equivalent of cotton products. During the entire previous marketing year -- 1938-1939 -- United States raw cotton exports totaled 3,327,000 bales.--(522-40).







September 22--ST. LOUIS MILK HEARING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 3--A hearing will open at 10 a.m., October 3, in the Chase Hotel at St. Louis, Missouri, to consider proposed amendments to the St. Louis milk marketing program, the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces.--(535-40).

September 22--CINCINNATI MILK HEARING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 28--A hearing will open at 10 a.m., September 28, in the Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio, to consider proposed amendments to the Cincinnati milk marketing program, the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces.--(539-40).

September 22--CHICAGO RELIEF MILK DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM APPROVED FOR THIS YEAR--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces approval of a relief milk distribution program through June 30, 1940 to enlarge markets for Chicago milkshed dairy farmers by encouraging consumption of fluid milk among Chicago relief families.--(540-40).

September 22--NEW YORK MILK HEARINGS SET FOR OCTOBER 10 AND 16--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that sessions of a joint Federal-State public hearing on a number of amendments to the Federal-State orders regulating the handling of milk in the New York metropolitan market will open at 10 a.m., October 10, in the State Office Building at Albany and at 10 a.m., October 16, in the State Office Building at New York City.--(541-40).

September 23--WALNUT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS TENTATIVELY APPROVED--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces tentative approval by the Secretary of Agriculture of amendments to the Federal marketing agreement and order regulating the handling of walnuts produced in Oregon, Washington, and California. The amendments would fix the salable percentage of merchantable walnuts for the 1939-40 crop year at 60 percent and the surplus percentage at 40 percent and would provide for changes in size specifications and designations of various packs of merchantable walnuts.--(546-40).

